

ENERGY AND UNDERGROUND SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 19, 2010

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillor Sue Uteck, Chair
Councillor Debbie Hum, Vice Chair
Councillor Darren Fisher
Councillor Jennifer Watts
Councillor Barry Dalrymple
Councillor Stephen Adams
Councillor Jackie Barkhouse

STAFF: Mr. Angus Doyle, Manager of Utilities Coordination
Mr. Richard MacLellan, Acting Manager, Sustainable
Environmental Office
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Hum called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. in the Media Room, City Hall.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Fisher that the minutes of February 19, 2010 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS / ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Councillor Watts asked that the submitted Information report be moved up to the regular agenda, to which it was agreed.

Addition:

6.1 Information Report - Community Energy Plan and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan: Upcoming Staff Activities (Councillor Watts)

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Fisher that the agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/DEFERRED ITEMS: None

5. REPORTS:

5.1 Staff:

5.1.1 LED Traffic Signal System Replacement Project

- A staff report dated March 19, 2010 was submitted.

Mr. Angus Doyle, Manager, Utilities Coordination, presented the staff report which provided an overview of the LED Traffic Signal System Replacement Project. In his comments, he advised that the Municipality has 79 intersections remaining to be converted to LED lamps and if the report is approved by Regional Council then this will complete the conversion of traffic signal systems to LED technology.

At 10:09 a.m. Councillor Barkhouse entered the meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Barkhouse that the Energy and Underground Services Advisory Committee recommend Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a capital expenditure of \$830,000 (net HST included) from Capital Account No. CTU00886 - LED traffic Signal Conversion Project with a net cost to HRM of \$605,943 as per the Budget**

Implications section of the February 15, 2010 staff report in order to fund the completion of the ongoing LED traffic signal replacement project;

- 2. Approve a budget increase of \$224,057 to Capital Account No. CTU00886 - Traffic Signal Conversion Project funded through external cost sharing from NSPI;**
- 3. Approve a transfer of funding in the amount of \$211,589 from Capital Account No. CTU01085 - Traffic Signal Installation to Capital Account No. CTU00886 - LED Traffic Signal Conversion Project; and**
- 4. Pre-approve the 2010/11 capital budget for Capital Account No. CTU00886 - LED Traffic Signal Conversion Project in the amount of \$300,000; as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the February 15, 2010 staff report.**

At 10:10 am. Councillor Uteck entered the meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5.2 Committee Members: None.

6. ADDED ITEMS

6.1 Information Report - Community Energy Plan and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan: Upcoming Staff Activities

- An Information Report dated March 15, 2010 was submitted.

Mr. Richard MacLellan provided an overview of the information report outlining staff activities in regard to the Community Energy Plan and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan. He indicated that the intent is for staff to provide Regional Council annual updates on the Plans, but they will come to this Committee prior to Regional Council.

Mr. MacLellan responded to questions.

In response to a concern about budgetary considerations in regard to these items, Mr. MacLellan advised that at this stage his intent was to start talking about these Plans with the Committee and that staff have the in-house resources to deal with them and do not intend to seek resourcing from outside consultants.

Councillor Watts asked for clarification on the Smart Car program and any relationship HRM may or may not have on the Car Share program.

Mr. MacLellan indicated he did not have that information with him at this time, however,

he could bring back an information report if the Committee wished.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Barkhouse that staff provide an information report in regard to the Smart Car program and Car Share. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Adams noted that there were employees who live outside HRM and who use HRM vehicles and take them home on a daily basis. He expressed concern that HRM's fuel and vehicle is being used as a personal vehicle. He indicated that he would like staff to look into this, particularly in the cases of employees who live outside of HRM. Councillor Adams suggested that it could be considered from a greenhouse gas emission point of view, as well as from a budgetary point of view.

Mr. MacLellan advised that he could report back on this item.

Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor, referred to Councillor Adam's comment and advised that it was not an EUGS issue, but rather a Regional Council issue pertaining to the policy on the use of corporate vehicles.

Mr. MacLellan advised that he would raise this matter with his Director with the suggestion that perhaps a report should be provided to Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Watts that the information report dated March 15, 2010 on Community Energy Plan and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan: Upcoming Staff Activities be accepted in principle, based on Council's budget discussions and approval, and pending further information to come back to Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Watts noted that during the Sweden tour there was a program on green driving and that she is not sure if it was similar to the Municipality's policies on driving and idling and smart driving techniques. She suggested it may be worthwhile for staff to follow up on this matter.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE - April 16, 2010

Councillor Hum provided regrets for the April 16, 2010 meeting.

Councillor Adams noted that he was tentative for attending the April 16, 2010 meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion **MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Fisher, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.**

The following information items were submitted:

1. Information Report - Community Energy Plan and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan: Upcoming Staff Activities
2. Correspondence from Darrell Fraser, President-Owner, Definite Food Services Limited and Lloyd Dauphinee, President - Owner, Bluenose Vending Services Limited